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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST AGAINST EXTENSION TO BERLIN
OF SPACE OBJECTS CONVENTION

1. SOVIET EMBASSY HAS BY NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1976 PROTESTED EXTENSION TO BERLIN OF SPACE OBJECTS CONVENTION BY FRG, WITH THE REQUEST THE NOTE BE CIRCULATED TO PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,
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REFERRING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S NOTE DATED

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JANUARY 15, 1976, CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO ONCE AGAIN REAFFIRM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE FOLLOWING.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, THE FRG, AS KNOWN, DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXTEND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AFFECTING MATTERS OF STATUS AND SECURITY TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS IS PRECISELY THIS TYPE OF AN AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THE DECLARATION OF THE FRG REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THIS CONVENTION TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN CANNOT BE REGARDED AS HAVING JURIDICAL FORCE.

PROCEEDING FROM THE PREMISE THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE U.S. MAINTAIN THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE REPRESENTATION ABROAD

OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THEIR PERMANENT RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS, BOTH IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IN RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, THE SOVIET SIDE WILL ADDRESS THEAUTHORITIES OF FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE U.S. REGARDING ALL QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN.

THE EMBASSY ASKS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BRING THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS WHO WERE NOTIFIED OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY'S ACCESSION TO THIS TREATY.

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